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Top Teams in the Governor's Weight Loss Challenge are 'Wolf Pack', 'Ft. Scott Finishers'
Event held to congratulate winning teams, award prizes in drawing

TOPEKA, Kan.—Kansas Governor Sam Brownback announced Tuesday that the first- and second-place winning teams in the Governor's Weight Loss Challenge are 'Wolf Pack' of the Kansas Department of Corrections and 'Ft. Scott Finishers' of the Kansas Department of Transportation.

"Everyone who completed the weight loss challenge is to be commended, and I'm glad to say that the State of Kansas and local leaders are setting a positive example in the fight against obesity," said Governor Brownback. "Congratulations to 'Wolf Pack' and 'Ft. Scott Finishers' for their tremendous success. Now we all have to commit to upholding these healthy habits."

'Wolf Pack' won \$5,000 (\$1,000 for each member) for coming in first with a total weight loss of 19.02 percent. 'Ft. Scott Finishers' won \$2,500 (\$500 a person) at a close second with 18.98 percent total weight loss. Additionally, David Bruton, a member of the team 'Forestry, Fish and Game' from Kansas Forest Service, won \$1,000 for losing the highest percentage of individual weight.

'Wolf Pack' members include Dave Vennell, Tommy Blankenship, Ashley Wilson, Karen Chmidling and Dara Heineken. 'Ft. Scott Finishers' are Norval Schnichels, Roy Widmar, John Clark, Charles Clay and Don Coffman.

Gov. Brownback also held a drawing to award the remainder of the \$44,500 prize money to 37 of the 162 state employee teams that lost a higher percentage of weight than the Governor's team. Teams did not need to be present at the event to win. The following sponsors made the monetary prizes possible: Coventry Health Care, UnitedHealth Group and Kansas Beverage Association

The Governor's Weight Loss Challenge ran from Jan. 15 to May 15, with 1,026 teams of five competing against the Governor's team, which included Transportation Sec. Mike King, Labor Sec. Lana Gordon, Commerce Sec. Pat George and Kansas Adjutant General Lee Tafanelli. A total of 44,409 pounds were lost in the competition.

The winning team names and agency affiliation is as follows:

\$500 Winners

Belly Dumpers	Department of Transportation	Maximum Deflection	Department of Transportation
Muffin Top Droppers	Dept of Health & Environment	Law & Order - Special Weight Loss Unit	Attorney General
The Phat to Fab Five	Dept of Health & Environment	CREAM	Dept for Children and Families
The Muscle Rustlers (PRC1)	Dept for Children and Families	Thin 2 Win	Department of Administration
Fat 5	Department of Revenue	Not Into It	Department of Administration
Hollywood Stars	Kansas Lottery	MisFits	Department of Revenue
The Marshmallow Resistance	Department of Education	KSD Team Smile	School for the Deaf
Caboose Cutters	Department of Revenue	MISS FITS	Dept for Children and Families
RxTreme Team	Board of Pharmacy	Shockers Thin It to Win It	Wichita State University
Driver's 5000	Department of Revenue	Show me the money	Department of Transportation
L.G.	Larned Juvenile Correct.Facil.	Team Sassy by Summer	Dept for Children and Families
ASAPA	Department of Education	Team 3D-Dieting Divas & Dudes	Dept for Children and Families
The CHASERS	Judicial Branch	Getting Healthy & Looking Good!	Department of Education
WALKFORCE	Norton Correctional Facility	Bums-away	Attorney General
Skinny Wannabes	Department of Transportation	Fat Losers	Bank Commissioner
SW LOSERS	Dept of Health & Environment	Stressed in the City	Department of Transportation

\$2,500 Winners

18th Judicial District 2	Judicial Branch
Bob's Blobs	Dept of Health & Environment
The Resolute	Kansas Water Office
BIG DROPPERS	Kansas Juvenile Corrections

\$10,000 Winner

Water Weight Loss	Dept of Health & Environment
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